### **Evacuation Plan**

- Establish a means of alerting family members.
- ☐ Develop a standard evacuation route.
- Agree on place for family members to meet after evacuation.
- □ Review your prized possessions in advance and consider storage in safety deposit boxes.
- □ Have a list of items to evacuate (important personal papers, photo albums, etc.).
- ☐ Learn how to shut off your power and gas.
- ☐ If you have an independent well, turn the sprinkler system on before leaving.
- Do not panic.

## **Safety Precautions**

- ☐ Have an adequate water supply.
- Preconnect a garden hose with nozzle and sprinkler system to access all the outside surfaces of the structure, including the roof.
- □ For a non-pressurized water system, have a large barrel of water and a five gallon bucket available.

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For more information, contact your local cooperator.



You could lose your home to a wildfire.

Prepare your home, family and community for survival.



# Checklist for Home Owners

**Beware and prepare** to reduce

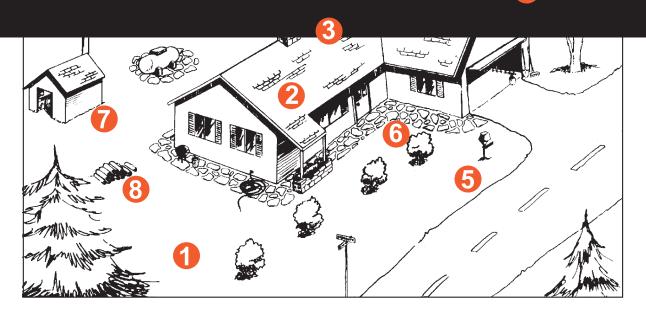
the threat of wildfire to your home. This checklist will help you identify ways to reduce home and property wildfire hazards and to prepare your family and neighbors for the event of wildfire.

#### For further information.

contact your local fire department or state fire officials.

### **New Home Construction**

- Build home on the most level portion of the lot. (1)
- Roofs and exteriors should be of fire resistant materials. (2)
- Avoid combustible roofing material.
- Screen eaves, attic and floor openings to prevent embers from entering.
- Screen the chimney and stove pipe. (3)
- Remove site preparation debris.



### **Existing Home Construction**

- Reduce surrounding wildland fuels, such as rotting logs, branches, brush and other flammable materials.
- Do an exterior home inspection at least twice a year.
- Remove overhanging tree limbs, moss, and needles from the roof and gutters. (4)
- Maintain a survivable space around the house. A large green lawn is ideal. (5)

- Remove highly-flammable plants from around the house, especially on the side most exposed to prevailing winds, and on the downhill slope. (6)
- Clean chimneys and stove pipes; check their screens. Keep storage areas clean and tidy. Never allow rags or newspapers to accumulate. Store flammable liquids in approved containers.
  (7)

Stack firewood away from the house. (8)